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Title: Stereo Microscope

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Examiner: Thong Nguyen

Group Art Unit: 2872

Honorable Commissioner for Patents:

SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

This amendment is a response to the Office action mailed June 6, 2005 and a response to the Office action Dec. 22, 2004.

An amendment filed Jan. 13, 2005 was entered (See Office action of April 7, 2005).

An amendment filed Jan. 21, 2005 was not entered (See Office action of April 7, 2005).

An amendment filed April 12, 2005 was not entered (See Office action of June 6, 2005).

Please substitute the enclosed sheet of drawings including Fig. 3 for the original sheet of drawings containing Fig. 3. Fig. 3 was amended to change the reference numeral 46 to 56 and add the reference numeral 55.

In the specification, please substitute the following amended paragraph [0012] for paragraph [0012] as originally filed.

[0012] Housing 26, as shown in Fig. 3, includes an internal mount 55 having a base section 56 ~~a body portion 46~~ on which the lens magnification changer 33, prism assemblies 31, oculars 27 and camera 38 are ~~is~~ mounted. Rigid straps 47 and 48 are attached to the ~~body portion 46~~ base section 56 by suitable means such as rivets or screws. Upper housing shell 49 and lower housing shell 50 are attached about internal mount 55 ~~body portion 46~~ by screws 51 which are screwed into lower housing shell ~~body portion~~ 50. Objective lens 32 is held in place in the housing 26 by one or more screw

threaded members 51 which are screwed into an end of the housing 26. A plate 52 which is positioned in a groove in the upper housing shell 49 and mates with the lower housing shell helps to complete the housing 26.

Claims 30 and 32 have been amended to correct the informalities as noted by the Examiner in the Office action of April 7, 2005.

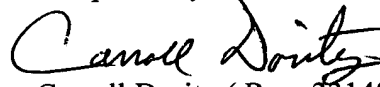
The inventor Dr. Paul Piontkowski and his Agent Carroll Dority would like to thank Examiner Nguyen for his constructive suggestions and the courteous manner in which the interview on Jan. 19, 2005 was conducted. At the interview, Examiner Nguyen indicated that unless further pertinent art comes to surface, claims 1-12 and 15-24 would be allowed.

Most of the interview of Jan. 19, 2005 revolved around claim 25 as presented in the amendment filed Jan. 13, 2005. Dr. Piontkowski and Mr. Dority were of the opinion that the prior art did not disclose a microscope having an internal mount having a base section with two oculars, a prism assembly adjacent each ocular and a lens magnification change connected to the internal mount by fastening means. The Examiner did not display any prior art showing this combination but believed it to be obvious.

Claim 25, as currently amended, now has even more limiting features than claim 12 (indicated as being allowable). Claim 25 has been amended to state that the microscope includes a hollow elongated body in which the internal mount is located and that an objective lens is located in an end of the hollow elongated body and one or more light emitting diodes are located in the hollow elongated body adjacent the objective lens. This combination of features is also not taught by the prior art.

For the reasons as set forth above and in the amendment filed Jan. 13, 2005, it is believed that the claims are allowable and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Carroll Dority".

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